

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...as expressed by Senator Chambers and Senator Warner but I think that it has merit and I would ask you not to kill the bill at this time and to follow the recommendation of Senator Withem, one of our younger but perhaps one of our wiser members, who said, let's take a really good look at it. It might be, Senator Chambers, there is some redeeming value to the bill yet and I would hope that we would not kill it at this time. Let's try and leave it on Select File if we could and take a good look at it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Warner, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think some very good points have been made but, remember, down through the years, at least since I have been in the Legislature, various people have tried to get a constitutional amendment to wipe out Final Reading. I have always opposed the doing away with it. I have been one of those who was willing to admit that I haven't always had the opportunity to properly evaluate every bill that comes before us and sometimes only on Final Reading do I get the chance to do so. But this is a bill that I voted against when we had machine votes on it across the floor. Had I not done what I did, this bill would have been enacted into law in the form that we find it now. I am not opposed to trying to do something to work to a solution or an attempt to solve a problem that people see, but, for Senator Withem and others, there is a limited number of alternatives available to us on Final Reading to stop what is occurring. The only way it can be stopped is by a motion to bring the bill back. So if everybody else is willing to leave the bill on Select File, I won't push the motion. Maybe we ought to just vote the motion down and leave it there because I don't know what would happen if I withdrew the motion. Mr. Chairman, may I ask you a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The bill is on Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It was put there pursuant to a specific motion. If the motion is withdrawn at this point, where are